

Metamora Village Council met in regular session Monday, July 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Offices. Council present: Ken Wysong-pres., Cheryl Geer, John Hudik, Suzy Stough and Karon Lane. Absent Ned Monroe. Other officials present: Mayor Loar, Fiscal Officer Karin Sauerlender, Solicitor Alan Lehenbauer.

Mayor Loar opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest – Bryan Cogger

Minutes – Suzy Stough motioned to approve council minutes from June 17, 2013. Second of motion by John Hudik and approved by all council, with Cheryl Geer abstaining due to absenteeism.

Bills—were presented for payment.

Current bills to be paid:

Robert Sabo	Wages paid 07-02-13	\$ 321.40
Steve Mack	Wages paid 07-02-13	798.00
Norman Vance	Wages paid 07-02-13	1819.01
Buckeye Concrete	Bridge repair	3000.00
Co-Man	Portable toilet for garage sales	85.00
Computer Plus	Remove virus from computer	80.00
Steve Schmitz	Mow brush & tile behind Mill St.	9600.00
Design Memorial	4 Name plates	500.00
Eisel Tree Farm	Remove & replant trees	500.00
Habitec	Security @ Mill St. & reservoir	229.11
Key Shoppers News	Garage sale ad	12.49
Karin Sauerlender	Mileage—Swanton & RITA meeting	180.24
The McQuades	Solicitor 1/1-6/5	854.00
Mike’s Repair	Replace starter	285.00
State Line Observer	Garage sale ad	6.90
Toledo Edison	Village electric use	1235.99
Treasurer Fulton Co.	July police protection	425.00
Tri-County Fuels	Diesel fuel	313.66
VISA	Hotel, advertising, virus protection, lights	360.55

Bills to be paid later:

EFTPS	June Medicare match	\$ 145.34
OPERS	June Village match	1453.97

Chip has been approving overtime with mayor, should taper down now Park-O-Rama is over. Lane asked if mayor would inform Chip to keep watering the recent transplanted trees in the park. Mayor Loar said just three of the transplanted trees have brown leaves, most look good. He will remind employees to water trees regularly. John Hudik suggested staking trees.

Cheryl Geer motioned to pay bills as presented. Second of motion by Suzy Stough and approved by all council.

Solicitor’s report – in review of the amending “Keeping of Animals” ordinance, Alan suggested removing, “three months of age” to eliminate numerous chickens and rabbits under the age of three months. Council agreed to remove; “three months of age” and replace “or” with “and” when describing numbers of rabbits and chickens one can have, which is six of each.

Ken Wysong motioned to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 855**, with the above agreed upon revisions. Second of motion by John Hudik.

Maintenance letter has been sent to Midwest Carnival. Recent activity at building but haven’t seen any building improvements.

Old Business – Cheryl Geer and Mayor Loar will meet July 9 at 4:00 p.m. with Info Stream Solutions to discuss upgrading village website. Will have cost by next council meeting.

Council discussed park levy for November ballot. It was decided not to place on ballot this year.

Discussed hours for seasonal employee, hours dropped back to 24 hours following Park-O-Rama, and should be finished the end of July. EYA girl’s tournament Thursday and Friday July 18 and 19th.

Wysong said regular ball season is over. Mayor Loar informed Chip the only reason summer employee should go over the 24 hours a week if two-man jobs need to be completed and we are given advance notice. Wysong suggested informing Chip to get two man jobs completed in July, if possible. Geer concerned we won’t have any back up and are at risk especially when street superintendent takes

vacations or uses sick time. Geer would like to see the part time position become permanent. Wsyong doesn't have a problem keeping someone on, but doesn't see justification for another full time position. Stough doesn't agree with permanent part time position, and Lane concerned money not budgeted or available for extra hours. Wsyong suggested continuing part time status (24 hours per week) month to month and see if work load warrants keeping him employed through leaf pick up. Lane requested a work order to get parking lot shrubs trimmed and islands weeded. Wsyong suggested Steve is given the work order for parking lot maintenance.

Stough, Wsyong, and Lane unable to attend regular session council July 15. It was decided to meet July 22 following committee meetings which begin at 7:00 p.m.

New Business – Homeowner at 260 Maple Street asking the village to trim off a branch on a tree in the right of way in front of their residence between the sidewalk and curb. They would like to re-roof the home and have a large branch from the tree lying on the roof, prohibiting work to be done in that area. A recent storm broke another large branch off and damaged the eave. Mayor Loar said currently the village does not have a tree policy in place, we've done projects where we've trimmed trees and other projects where we planted trees in the right-of-ways (between sidewalk and curb) we asked residents first if they wanted a tree and those who did got one. Karin said the village for years trimmed trees in the right of ways between the sidewalk and the road, the practice has gone to way side, might be time to start again. A few years the village paid nearly \$800 to remove a tree that was outside the sidewalk towards the house and questionable if it was even in the right of way, didn't that set precedence? Mayor Loar said the tree at that location could have had root damage when waterline and sidewalks were put in. The last tree the village removed was on Swanton Street and we shared the cost with the homeowner. Lane asked if the village has to take care of trees in the right-of -ways. The solicitor said not necessarily unless you have an ordinance stating the village will maintain. Wsyong said homeowner has council's permission to trim branch, village will not pay to trim. Mayor Loar said even though tree is in right-of-way it's still their tree. Village asked solicitor to pursue a tree policy. Solicitor Lehenbauer said Swanton levies assessments for street lighting, leaf pick-up, etc. Village could come up with annual cost to trim and plant trees and assess homeowners for tree work. Geer also suggested looking into sidewalk policy too.

Parker Road Improvements – Ken Wsyong informed by DGL had miscommunication with Bowser Mourner (performed soil testing) who was under impression DGL was not in a hurry for testing, so testing wasn't finished last week but will be done this week. Hopefully, design plans along with costs will be available for council July 22.

Guest: Fulton County Deputy Bryan Coger will serve as liaison between department and village, was asked to stop by Sheriff Miller to see if council had any concerns the sheriff's department should be aware of, and their willingness to attend council meetings when requested. Mayor would like curfew enforced. The department is trying to spend more time in the village.

Chamber update – Cheryl Geer said not enough interest in county wide chamber. Can join Swanton's or Wauseon chamber. Will find out cost of village joining.

Fiscal Officer's report – Transfers requested:

TO	FROM	Amt.
A1-3-B-239 Misc Contractual	A1-7-X-250 Capital Outlay	\$250.00

Ken motioned to approve transfer. Second of motion by Karon Lane and approved by all council.

OPWC contracts for Parker Road received and signed.

Mayors report – USDA coming in July, will be looking at various things including emergency plan. Rick Meiring said village had a 35 page Emergency Plan filed along with the Contingency Plan at the water plant. Mayor will look on water plant hard drive.

Three farmers considering land behind maintenance building –Mayor told Chip whoever gives us a contract first for our solicitor to look at, as far as he's concerned, can have farming contract.

Jeff Simon Amboy Trustee reported they (trustees) have yet to talk about necessity of heli-pad, fireman feel it is needed. Discussed water rate increase from NE Water District and the possibility of an alternate water source within Fulton County.

Request for work order on taking down building on Mill Street and complete yard work in areas of sewer repairs.

Elected Official petitions due to Board of Elections by August 7, by 4 p.m.

Adjournment– Wysong motioned to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Second by Suzy Stough and approved by all council.

Mayor – Gary Loar

VFO – Karin Sauerlender

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Clendenin
Deputy Clerk